



APPF-14/Res/05

**RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING POLITICAL AND SECURITY
COOPERATION**

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The 14th Annual meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF):

Reaffirming the importance to maintain peace and security in the Asia Pacific region and the world as a whole under generally recognized principles and rules of international law, particularly those concerning friendly relations and cooperation among states;

Underlining the pace and stability of the Asia Pacific region is an essential matter to the well-being of APPF member countries in order to achieve sustainable development for the welfare of their people;

Recognizing the current situation of the Asia Pacific region in which the states and individuals are still facing serious security threats, such as acts of terrorism, transnational crime, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and internal conflicts;

Deeply concerned at the continuation of terrorist acts in the region and worldwide, such as the terrorist acts in London on July 7, 2005, in Sharm El-Sheikh on July 23, 2005, and in Bali on October 1, 2005;

Welcoming the development of bilateral, regional, and multilateral cooperation among Asia Pacific countries in promoting region stability, and recognizing the ARF's role as the region's pre-eminent security forum and its contribution to the maintenance of peace in the region;

Being aware that dialogue and cooperation within the Asia Pacific on political and security issues in the effective way to enhance mutual understanding among Asia Pacific nations, avoiding misunderstanding and conflicts, and contributing to peace and stability in the region;

Recognizing the importance of regional legal framework and cooperation to combat international terrorism as a complement to the existing international convention on counter terrorism as well as other regional instruments and national laws;

Resolves to:

Reaffirm that peace at a regional and a global level can best be achieved through dialogue and cooperation, and welcome the efforts of the ARF and other forums to address security threats in the Asia Pacific;

Call upon all member states to strengthen their cooperation in the field of political and security matters for the purpose of promoting a peaceful climate and stability in the region;

Call upon all member states to foster valuable relationships among states and nations based on equality and mutual benefit and respect, which are conducive to attainment of peace and prosperity for all;

Unequivocally condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as a criminal act, noting that terrorism endangers the territorial integrity of countries and their national and international security, destroys innocent lives and the physical and economic infrastructure, and destabilizes not only legitimately constituted governments but also society as a whole;

Support efforts by member states and multilateral organizations to combat terrorism, economic, social, political, and ideological factors that contribute to extremism, and transnational crime, to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, to promote reconciliation processes aimed at achieving sustainable solutions to internal conflicts, to promote good governance, rule of law and to provide the conditions for stability and prosperity;

Encourage parliaments to develop parliamentary diplomacy activities and to strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation, and urge parliamentarians to use all the mechanism of parliamentary and inter parliamentary diplomacy to promote peace and security in the region and worldwide;

Encourage all member parliaments to propose to their Governments to explore the possibilities of establishing a joint working group to conclude a comprehensive regional convention on terrorism.

